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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 and Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more

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'At least' four cases of U.K. virus mutation identified in state

ISDH reports 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st
Wabash County COVID-19 deaths Saturday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health reported the 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st COVID-19 deaths in Wabash County.

Meanwhile, during a televised press conference Wednesday, Jan. 20, state health commissioner Kristina Box said there had been

at least four cases of United Kingdom B.1.1.7 strain identified in Indiana.

In total, 122 cases have been identified in at least 20 states.

"This strain is a mutation of the virus and it is more easily transmitted than the strain we were dealing with up until now," said Box. "There are also reports of other mutations including one that has been detected in South Africa.

This new strain behaves much like the UK variant and also is more transmissible. It has not been detected in North America, but we continue to monitor closely for this mutation."

Box said the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is "routinely doing surveillance" in the state.

"They randomly at first were at first taking 10 tests from the state of Indiana. We have doubted that amount of tests now. And we also have the ability to send to a separate part of the CDC further tests from

our labs to look at the mutation," said Box.

Box said this particular variant has a change on it they could pick up on some of the testings that they use to see if someone has COVID-19.

"When we see that particular change in those tests on these two particular machines, that will indicate to us it has a higher likelihood of being this mutation or a different mutation," said Box. "We can selectively send those off. There are a couple of sites here in Indiana that are doing that

also. So we do definitely have access to get that testing done, but trying to be more selective based on individual's travel history, based on how these tests fall out, based on how these tests are done."

On Monday, Moderna, one of the two COVID-19 vaccines on the market, announced the two-dose regimen of their vaccine at the 100 µg dose "is expected to be protective against emerging strains detected to date." The

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Local libraries look to re-open



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The North Manchester Public Library plans re-open their building to the public Monday, Feb. 1.

NMPL to welcome the public back inside Monday, Feb. 1

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As of Wednesday, Wabash County remained in an orange status for community transmissions.

And though that's the second-highest, according to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), it's a far cry from last month when it was in the red.

But, the orange status has

still meant that Wabash County still must limit both indoor and outdoor social gatherings to 50 people maximum, with no exceptions.

And for several weeks that has meant the doors of local libraries have remained closed, as well.

But, with cases, though still high, slowly falling, those doors may soon be open to the public once again.

North Manchester Public Library

On Friday, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said with the support of their board and the Wabash County Health Department, they planned to re-open the building to the public Monday, Feb. 1.

Hann said at that time, the

library will resume their usual hours of operation of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. They will remain closed Sundays.

Hann said they were "thrilled to welcome all our patrons to the library and want all patrons to feel safe inside the building."

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Weaver signs disclosure statement

State statute requires public officials also doing business to avoid conflicts

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During his first official Wabash City Council meeting, the newest member, Wade Weaver, signed a disclosure statement as required by state statute.

During the Monday, Jan. 11 meeting, city attorney Douglas C. Lehman said anyone serving in a public position who also does business with that governmental entity must sign such a document.

Earlier this month, Wabash County Council District 2 representative and Wabash County Republican Party chair Barbara Pearson announced Wabash City Council District 1 representative Mitch Figert would be replaced by Weaver, owner of WJOT-FM 105.9 The Bash.

"Occasionally, the city advertises with the radio station. And then the disclosure has to be acknowledged in public at a meeting. You need to accept that disclosure statement," said Lehman.

Lehman said the document

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U.S. Army Corps plans to remove island in Salamonie River during dam improvements

Salamonie Dam plans released by Army Corps

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
Chronicle-Tribune Editor

Federal officials will remove an island that's formed north of Salamonie Lake and address "deteriorating infrastructure threatening the function of the dam," according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (Corps) reports.

The Corps says stone and

sediment have accumulated at the outlet of the dam during high flow events, diverting water and causing the banks of the river to erode. Crews plan to use the material to stabilize and restore the eroded banks before planting native plants, according to the environmental assessment. A hole that has formed near the outlet of the dam will also be filled with concrete, the plan says.

Public review involving

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Wabash Marketplace looks back at a year like none other

The group delivered its annual report, honored mayor and city Monday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As Wabash Marketplace executive director Andrea Zweibel described in her annual rundown of the group's accomplishments Monday evening, she said 2020 started out "like any other year."

During the Wabash City Council's regular meeting, Zweibel said she remembered the fire spinners on Miami



Provided photo

Steve Downs, left, presents Mayor Scott Long, right, with the Downtown Legacy Award during Monday's Wabash City Council meeting.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

‘Silence of a Winter’s Night’ event planned at Salamonie Lake

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is offering a chance to enjoy the “Silence of a Winter’s Night” from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody. “We’ll make memories as we meander through a mid-winter night under a gibbous moon,” said Rody. Participants will meet at the Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center. This program is free to participants. Dress for the weather; the entire program will be held outdoors. Restrooms will be available. No flashlights will be allowed, though. “We will follow CDC COVID-19 guidelines, in-

cluding face coverings,” said Rody. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

Wabash VFW Post No. 286 to host fried chicken dinner Friday

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 will host a fried chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford. The menu will include southern-style fried chicken, a choice of roasted potatoes or mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans and biscuit. The cost will be \$9 per person. The event will be open to the public and carryout will be available. Ford said the event would be following the state’s COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information, call 260-563-2463

BMV announces two-hour closure Thursday, Feb. 4

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, “to engage in planned programming intended to foster a diverse, highly-skilled, and professional workforce,” according to a press release. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at 10:30 a.m. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you, visit IN.gov/BMV. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainealer.com.

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School releases second quarter honor rolls

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School recently announced its honor roll lists for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

der, Braden Sweet and Breklynne Swisher.

‘A/B’ Honor Roll

Grade 7: Isabelle Ashba, Sylvia Bakehorn, Griffin Chambers, Mylah Dillon, Owen Enyeart, Mazie Ghrist, Brody Height, Danika Holbrook, Coan Holloway, Fritz Kirk, Rachel Lawson, Emily Lochar, Jalynn Lyons, Victor Mondragon, Autumn Rasmussen, Wyatt Smith, Olivia Snow, Sophia Temple and Bryce Wilcox.

Grade 8: Luke Andrews, Elijah Boone, Jaiya Corn, Courtney Finney, Hannah Garrison, Averi Haecker, Mason Hipskind, Daedrick Kaehr, Isabella Knot, Meryn Norman, Morgan Powell, Cayden Richardson, Makenna Snow, Duke Sparks, Rylee Thomas, Lydia Topliff, Lucy Vandermark and Audri Winer.

Grade 9: Emma Adams, Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez, Casey Boardman, Carrie Collins, Liliauna Combs, Abigail Guyer, Allie Haecker, Logan Hiner, Kaylee Nelson,

Kalen Parke, Bryce Rigney, Kinzie Stouffer, Izabelle Wagener, Carley Whitesel, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.

Grade 10: Tobias Cummins, Ella Hauptert, Zebadiah Herring, Jason Oprisek, Christopher Rasmussen, Kaden Rody, Kyle Smith, Dylan Stout, Aleia Sweet, Dakota Wilson, Alaina Winer and Makenna Younce.

Grade 11: Rylee Barney, Morgan Brock, Matthew Daugherty, Mya Denney, Madison Hipskind, Maddison Hunter, Aiden Mahan, Harrison Mills, Larry Noland, Kamden Oswald, Jack Payton, Lukoda Ricketts, Noah Sarll, Gavin Schuler, Ayanna Sellers, Kyndall Shear, Taylin Shepherd, Mackey Sorg, Martha Steller, Layla Stevens and Olivia Wilkin.

Grade 12: Mariah Brown, Isabel Davis, Aaliyah Douglass, Alexander Farr, Jacob Figert, Jack Guyer, Natalie Haycraft, Monica Hobson, Erin McGouldrick, Carson Rich, Zachary Roudebush, Elijah Sutton, Alix Winer and Mason Yentes.

5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday Few Snow Showers 32 / 18	Thursday Mostly Sunny 30 / 19	Friday Mostly Sunny 35 / 23	Saturday Rain & Snow Possible 38 / 30	Sunday Showers Likely 42 / 28

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:57 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:53 a.m.

Full 1/28	Last 2/4	New 2/11	First 2/19

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow showers, high of 33°, humidity of 75%. East southeast wind 9 to 13 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 18°. North wind 8 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 8°.

WMS announces second nine weeks honor roll

Wabash Middle School has announced its honor roll for the second nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year:

Fifth Grade High Honor Roll

Gracie Bearman, Kaylence Cole, Clover Eaton, Noah Glenn, Ella Harrell, Makenzie Krieger, Jareth Lancaster, Gabriel LePage, Michael LePage, Ellie Profitt, Cooper Sapusek, Pasy Schuler, Alyssa Sheridan, Lily Stevens and Olivia Wilkin.

Fifth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Carson, Amburgey, Mason, Bartley, Kaitlyn Brewer, Jude Butterbaugh, Quinnlynn Campbell, Ian Edmond, Riley Flack, Hendrix Griffith, Isabella Hackworth, Aidan Mahan, Colyn Heitz, Abigail Helsel, Rozalynn Hicks, McKenna Honeycutt, Alexis Indrutz, Brycen Kelly, Ava Lynn, Aiden Mahan, Harrison Mills, Larry Noland, Kamden Oswald, Jack Payton, Lukoda Ricketts, Noah Sarll, Gavin Schuler, Ayanna Sellers, Kyndall Shear, Taylin Shepherd, Mackey Sorg, Martha Steller, Layla Stevens and Addison Wischman.

Sixth Grade High Honor Roll

Makenna Bechtold, Ezra Church, Lucas Coffman, Andi Conliff, Mia Fairchild, Haylee Figert, Violet George, Grace Harrington, Rinka Higuera, Brianna Martin, Haiden McWhirt, Paige Miller, Phillip Palmer, Tyler Partenheimer, Victoria Petty, Oliver Sapusek, Clayton Shelper, Mallory Tart and Harley Zumbun.

Sixth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Chloe Cooper, Braelyn Eis, Kierstin Fager, Ayden Haneline, John Harris, Destiny Harrison, Shailynn Harrison, Javier Hernandez, Leeairah Hicks, Benjamin Hipskind, Owen Honeycutt, Skyler Keirse, Madalyn Lynn, Jarret McWhirt, Aubri Merrell, Vander Mullen, Vivien Ploughe, Abigail Rose, Carson Schuler, Audri Shidler, Thomas Tracy, Averie Turner, Emma VanCamp, Evelyn Walden, Raelee Weeks and Matthew Wuensch.

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Ava Bishir, Kendall France, Jaycee Jones and Andrea Stout.

Seventh Grade Regular Honor Roll

Cole Brooks, Mackenzie Brown, Aaliyah Frasure, Haylee Friend, Drew Guenin-Hobson, Maya Howard, Kaylee Indrutz, Isaiah Jones, Victoria Koselke, Coleston Kugler, Cooper Long, Elias Mattern, Alison McCoart, Sawyer McNally, Danielle Sarll, Abigail Smith and Logan Wright.

Eighth Grade High Honor Roll

Olivia Braun, Ella Colvin, Harper Gollither, Ella Hartley, Trevor Herron, Nonoka Higuera, Kenley McWhirt, Kristian Stanton, Emma Weaver and Kamryn Wilcox.

Eighth Grade Regular Honor Roll

Emma Adams, Ashtrid Burns, Jonas Church, Ashton Coffman, Levi Fairchild, Chaz Harris, Abigail Hipskind, Chase Howard, Alisha Hyslop, Shaylee Jacobs, Riley King, Kasen Oswald, Elijah Peters, Hadley Schuler, Collyn Sellers, Janika Stumbo, Sydney Till, Cole VanCamp, Isabella Vander Velden, Madison White and Trevor Wuensch.

Clover Blossom Honey, Shenefield family selected as 2021 Farm Family

Their accomplishments will be celebrated at the annual Salute to Ag Dinner

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee would like to congratulate Clover Blossom Honey, owned and operated by David Shenefield and his family, for being selected as the 2020 Farm Family of the Year, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

The Shenefield family will be celebrated for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner on Wednesday, March 10.

“Grow Wabash County each year at this event highlights one of Wabash County’s agricultural producers to demonstrate the best of our industry and how our producers work to protect the environment and enhance the quality of our food,” said Salute to Ag Committee chair Howard Halderman. “The Shenefields are another shining example of a producer who ‘does it

right’ and adds tremendous value to the environment and food systems here in Indiana and California. We are proud to recognize their contributions.”

Boulrisse said Clover Blossom Honey, based out of LaFontaine, “is a glowing example of a thriving family operation.”

“The business has stirred quite a bit of buzz not only as the place to go for your quality honey products but as a leading authority on the importance of bees and pollination,” said Boulrisse. “During the winter months, the Shenefields pack up some of their hives and head west to California where their bees help to pollinate the almond crop.”

Boulrisse said Dave Shenefield has also helped mentor young and novice beekeepers to get their apiaries started to keep the incredibly necessary art of beekeeping alive.

“Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee are thrilled to be recognizing Clover Blossom Honey and the Shenefield family during this year’s event,” said Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Grow Wabash County. “More and more we are learning about

the importance of bees to our not only our agriculture but to the environment. The Shenefields have been aware of their importance for years and have been some of the greatest champions of beekeeping in northeast Indiana. We are lucky to have such an impactful and unique agricultural enterprise like Clover Blossom Honey right in our backyard.”

This year’s keynote speaker will be Dr. Kenneth Foster. As a professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, Foster will talk about the importance of sustainability in agriculture.

“Foster is especially thrilled to be the keynote speaker as he is an avid beekeeper himself as well as a longtime friend of the Shenefield family,” said Boulrisse.

The 2021 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave.

Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500.

For more information, visit growwabashcounty.com/ag2021 or email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

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Obituaries

Lighting up the ‘midnight’ of our current society

‘It is midnight within the social order.’ Martin Luther King Jr. said this in a 1967 sermon called “A Knock at Midnight.”

He based it on a passage from the 11th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus asks: “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’?”

There’s something about our interconnectedness in that passage that seems especially important during a time of isolation.

King said: “Although this parable is concerned with the power of persistent prayer, it may also serve as a basis for our thought concerning many contemporary problems and the role of the church in grappling with them. It is midnight in the parable; it is also midnight in our world, and the darkness is so deep that we can hardly see which way to turn. ...

“When confronted by midnight in the social order we have in the past turned to science for help. And little wonder!” he said, mentioning plagues and the obvious benefits of medicine. “But alas! Science cannot now rescue us,” he continued, “for even the scientist is lost in the terrible midnight of our age.”

King continued: “It is also midnight within the moral order. At midnight colors lose their distinctiveness and become a sullen shade of grey. Moral principles have lost their distinctiveness. For modern man, absolute right and wrong are a matter of what the majority is doing. Right and wrong are relative to likes and dislikes and the customs of a particular community.”

In the parable, he who knocks is seeking faith, hope and love. But so is he or she who doesn’t knock. I often pray that the obstacles – scandal and hypocrisy chief among them – that keep people from knocking on the doors of religious institutions can be removed by God’s grace and our love for one another.

Joe Biden hit some crucial notes during his inauguration. He talked about humility and tolerance. He

reached out to people who didn’t support him with respect. His initial executive orders were disappointing to some of us, but they really weren’t surprises. Archbishop Jose Gomez, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and archbishop of Los Angeles, issued a statement about the Biden inauguration. It was congratulatory, praising him for his public acknowledgment of his reliance on his faith. It also stated the fact that Biden’s policies on some essential issues are in conflict with church teachings.

But life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness have been our national undertaking from the beginning. That means protecting religious liberty – including for those of us, like the Catholic bishops, whose fundamental views about the human person, the nature of marriage and even the ethics of medicine are opposed by the Democratic party. Pluralism means living together and working together for the common good, despite our differences.

In his statement to Biden, Gomez expressed his eagerness to do this: “My hope is that we can begin a dialogue to address the complicated cultural and economic factors that are driving abortion and discouraging families. ... If the president, with full respect for the church’s religious freedom, were to engage in this conversation, it would go a long way toward restoring the civil balance and healing our country’s needs.”

Gomez’s request was in line with these words of King’s on church and state: “The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool.”

We need more of this – respecting one another, talking about our differences and trying to move ahead together – not less. It’s the only way to have a healthy country again.

Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Pets are back: Biden’s 2 dogs settle in at WH

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The patter of paws is being heard in the White House again following the arrival of President Joe Biden’s dogs Champ and Major. The two German shepherds are the first pets to live at the executive mansion since the Obama administration.

Major burst onto the national scene late last year after Biden, then president-elect, broke his right foot while playing with the dog at their home in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Bidens adopted Major in 2018 from the Delaware Humane Association. Champ joined the family after the 2008 presidential election that made Joe Biden vice president.

The dogs moved into the White House on Sunday, following Biden’s inauguration last week.

“The first family wanted to get settled before bringing the dogs down to Washington from Delaware,” said Michael LaRosa, spokesperson for first lady Jill Biden. “Champ is enjoying his new dog bed by the fireplace and

Major loved running around on the South Lawn.”

The dogs were heard barking outside near the Oval Office on Monday as Biden signed an executive order lifting the previous administration’s ban on transgender people serving in the military.

Last week, the Delaware Humane Association co-sponsored an “indoguration” virtual fundraiser to celebrate Major’s journey from shelter pup to first dog. More than \$200,000 was raised.

Major is the first shelter dog to ever live in the White House and “barking proof that every dog can live the American dream,” the association said.

The Bidens had promised to bring the dogs with them to the White House. They plan to add a cat, though no update on the feline’s arrival was shared on Monday.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki predicted, while on video answering questions from members of the public, that the cat will “dominate the internet” when it arrives.

Biden’s predecessor, Donald Trump, a self-described germaphobe, does not own any pets and had none with him at the White House.

Myron Gene Ridgeway

Dec. 1, 1938 – Jan. 23, 2021

Myron Gene Ridgeway, 82, of rural Andrews, Indiana, died at 12:55 am, Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Miller’s Merry Manor West in Wabash, Indiana. He was born December 1, 1938 in LaFontaine, Indiana, to Marvin and Martha (Deafenbaugh) Ridgeway.

Myron was a 1957 graduate of Noble Township High School and attended the Purdue University Short Course. He married Linda Miller at the Church of the Brethren in Wabash on June 26, 1960. He was a maintenance engineer at Wabash County Hospital, retiring after 34 and a half years. After retirement, Myron worked part-time mowing at Etna Acres Golf Course. He was a member of the Wabash Elks Lodge and the Hospital Engineers Association. Myron enjoyed golfing, bowling, woodworking, and being outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Ridgeway of Andrews, two children, Paula (Keith) Whiting of North Manchester, Indiana, and Les (Dana) Ridgeway of Milford, Indiana, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, sister and brothers, Marilyn (Allen) Shinn of Bunker Hill, Indiana, Merlin (Jane) Ridgeway of LaFontaine,



Indiana, Mike (Mary Lou) Ridgeway of Inman, South Carolina, Brian (Sherry) Ridgeway of Lagro, Indiana, and Ronnie Garrison of Denver, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Gary Ridgeway who died August 12, 2008, and his brother, Max Ridgeway.

Graveside services and burial will be 2:00 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2021, at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Joel Wallenback officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Huntington University Softball Program.

The memorial guest book for Myron may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Harrison ‘Bussie’ Castle

June 13, 1934 – Jan. 22, 2021

Harrison “Bussie” Castle, 86, of Claypool, Indiana, died at 10:15 am, Friday, January 22, 2021 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born June 13, 1934 in Johnson County, Kentucky, to Sterling and Fannie (Daniels) Castle.

Bussie was a US Army veteran. He married Minnie Josephine Martin in Wabash on July 12, 1955; she died October 18, 2006. He retired from Kosciusko Community Hospital in 2002, and also worked 34 years at the Vice Brothers Foundry in Wabash. He was a member of the Wabash Free Will Baptist Church on Erie Street. He was also a member of the Chandlesville Kentucky Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. Bussie enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and especially his grandkids.

He is survived by two sons, Elbert Harrison (Linda) Castle of Claypool, and Rodney Lee Castle of Warsaw, Indiana, seven grandchildren, Ryan Castle of Wichita Falls, Texas, Cameron Castle of Mentone, Indiana, Gary (Heather) Fulk of Lowell, Indiana, Chad Fulk of Laud, Indiana, Shelby Cox of Warsaw, Indiana, Marti Vinning of Nappanee, Indiana, and Barb Fulk of Rochester, Indiana, 10 great grandchildren, his sister, Bonnie Stambaugh of Leesburg, Florida, and several loving nieces and



nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers, Everett Castle, Joe Castle, Sterling Thomas Castle, B.L. Castle, Quint Castle, Jimmy Castle, and twin brothers, Troy and Roy Castle, and two sisters, Iris Nichols, and Joyce Staniford.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Paul Short officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Wednesday, at the funeral home. The family requests facial coverings be worn.

Preferred memorial is Shriners Children’s Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Bussie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Shirley Louise Harris

Aug. 11, 1938 – Jan. 5, 2021

Shirley Louise Harris, 82, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:35 am, Monday, January 25, 2021 at her home. She was born August 11, 1938 in Los Angeles, California, to Earl Dyer and Reta (Davis) Faylor.

Shirley was a 1956 graduate of Wabash High School

and worked at Wabash Magnetics, retiring after 30 years. She married Jerry Allen Harris in Wabash on April 18, 1964; he died December 23, 2014. Shirley enjoyed reading, going to garage sales and flea markets, making cards on her computer, and was an avid

Joyce Lee Staniford

Joyce Lee Staniford, 90, of Wabash, passed away at 7:06 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Joyce is survived by her son, Tom (Shirley) Staniford of Wabash and one sis-

ter, Bonnie Stambough of Lady Lake, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor Tod Masters of-

IU basketball fan.

She is survived by two children, Dennis Wayne Harris of Wabash, and Nicole “Nikki” Lynn (John Hall) Harris of Elkhart, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no services.

Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Shirley may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Floyd L. West

Friends of Floyd L. West, may call 5-7 pm Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Preferred memorial is to Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service to help with funeral expenses.

Manchester waives fall 2021 pharmacy enrollment deposit

Applicants must meet pre-pharmacy curriculum and GPA requirements

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University is waiving the enrollment deposit for incoming Doctor of Pharmacy students this fall.

“We understand that students are continuing to experience a lot of disruption and uncertainty,” said Greg Hetrick, assistant dean of pharmacy enrollment. “Manchester waived the deposit last year, and we heard from

many students that waiving the deposit removed a barrier that might keep them from moving forward in the admissions process. We want to make sure applicants this cycle have the same opportunity.”

Interested students need to complete an intent to enroll form, <https://link.manchester.edu/enroll>, to secure their seat in the fall 2021 cohort. Applicants must meet pre-pharmacy curriculum and GPA requirements.

The program based in Fort Wayne provides students with a dynamic learning environment, engaging them in



Provided photo

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innovative, effective and experiential learning. With an emphasis on service and collaboration, they learn with their heads, hands and hearts in a wide variety of settings.

In its dual degree program, pharmacy students can choose to simultaneously earn a master’s in pharmacogenomics, along with their

Pharm.D., adding this specialized skill to their resume.

Those with questions about pharmacy admissions can email pharmacy@manchester.edu or call 260-470-2700.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

WHS releases first semester honor roll

Wabash High School recently announced the first semester honor roll of the 2020-2021 school year:

First Semester High Honor Roll, All A's

Grade 12: Madison E. Bartoo, Rebecca A. Bruss, Lingjun Fu, Morgan B. Mallow and Erin M. Russell.

Grade 11: Anne M. Cole, Marcus L. Haynes, Quinn W. Haynes and Breanna N. Keefer.

Grade 10: Devin M. Coffman, David L. Ford and Grace E. Lamar.

Grade 9: Natalie A. Adams, Chloe J. Bishir, Octavia E. Claudio, Shyann N. Fisher, Grant S. Ford, Troy A. Guenin-Hodson, Xavier P. Hughes, Alexa S. Johnson, Calisen J. Kugler, Calista R. Larrowe, Karigan A.

Long, Paloma D. Shull, Spencer J. Stout, Madeline G. Von Uhl and Brooke M. Wagner.

First Semester Regular Honor Roll, A's and B's

Grade 12: Madison E. Bartoo, Rebecca A. Bruss, Simon P. Byers, Jada M. Caudill, Madison S. Church, Trey M. Coon, Paul I. Cordes, Kya D. Cressell, Isabelle L. Davis, Mercedes T. Easterday, Kyndal N. Fields, Magdalen G. France, Lingjun Fu, Nicole C. Gunderman, Hayley M. Houlihan, Jacob L. James, Peighton R. King, Joseph A. Leland, Vivian S. Lemaster, Anthony M. Long, Morgan B. Mallow, Xander A. Miller, Ian C. Risher, Erin M. Russell, Lincoln M. Saldivar, Matthew D. Swango, Sabine R. Thomas, Jasper H. Walter, Jar-

rett P. Wilson and Mariah M. Wyatt.

Grade 11: Sydney A. Baker, Anne M. Cole, Jordan S. Dragoo, Cherysh A. Harlan, Ethan F. Haynes, Marcus L. Haynes, Quinn W. Haynes, Riston K. Hoefer, Hunter M. Jones, Breanna N. Keefer, Corinne O. Kugler, Tre’ A. Miller, Brycen A. Niccum, Macy E. Niccum, Hannah L. Perkins, Alexis R. Satterfield and Alex J. Weaver.

Grade 10: Falicity K. Baldwin, Abigale B. Boggs, Morgan G. Butcher, Elijah C. Callahan, Devin M. Coffman, Brodie J. Craft, Ashlynn L. Cruz, Andrea R. Davis, Andrew J. Dillon, Nicholas J. Ewing, David L. Ford, Jacob D. France, Solomon T. France, Jacob A. Fuchs, Kendall M. Gifford, Cole K. Hughes, Grace E. Lamar, Eliza-

beth L. Mattern, Arthur J. Mccord, Aaliyah Mota, Lacy D. Nolder, Aubrey M. Till, Emma J. Tracy and Elliott I. Wiles.

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SPEAK UP

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State Sen. Andy Zay, R-District 17
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1-800-382-9467
Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov

State Rep. David Wolkins, R-District 18
Indiana House
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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

James 5:8

Trump Senate trial offers GOP escape from his death grip on its future

The impending Senate impeachment trial of Donald Trump offers Republicans a rare opportunity to begin recasting the Grand Old Party as the conservative bastion it once was – and start loosening the former president’s cult-like grip.

Seventeen Republican senators would need to join Democrats in the two-thirds vote necessary to convict Trump of inciting violence against the government in the riotous assault on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

While the punishment for conviction – removal from office – no longer applies, a second penalty under the Constitution offers the party a path forward. By a simple majority vote, the Senate could bar Trump, who said Wednesday that “we will be back in some form,” from ever holding public office again. He would effectively be banished to the political wilderness, no longer holding the GOP captive in preparation for a possible presidential run in 2024.

In one clean break, conservatives could begin the laborious process of rebuilding a party anchored on what used to be traditional Republican values: fiscal responsibility, free trade, ethical leadership, promotion of democracy and international alliances, and standing up to dictators abroad.

This would be a great service to the nation. America has long benefited from two vibrant competing parties, one of which advocates for limited government and serves as a check on progressive overreach.

Then-President Donald Trump and then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in 2017.

Trump, however, left the GOP in turmoil. During his foul leadership, Republicans lost control of the White House and both chambers of Congress. Republican principles melted away under a leader obsessed with self-aggrandizement. Last year, the party platform was reduced to simply whatever Trump wants to do.

As the Senate takes up the House-passed article of impeachment, evidence of Trump’s guilt is overwhelming: inciting anger among millions of followers for weeks with lies about a stolen election; exhorting thousands to march on the Capitol on Jan. 6 just as Congress was ratifying the victory of President-elect Joe Biden; and resisting pleas to call off the insurrection.

The case grows stronger with the release of every new video and the rioters’ statements that they were following Trump’s direction when they ransacked the Capitol, hunting for leaders such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and then-Vice President Mike Pence.

“A violent mob attacked the United States Capitol to obstruct the process of our democracy and stop the counting of presidential electoral votes,” said Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the No. 3 Republican in the House. “The president of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing.”

If Trump cannot be convicted for inciting this insurrectional attack against his own government, then constitutional remedies for presidential misconduct are meaningless.

To be sure, Republican senators face enormous political risks if they vote to convict a man who remains popular with nearly 90 percent of their party, including 74 percent who believe Trump’s lies that the presidential election was stolen.

The chance that a full third of Senate Republicans would vote to convict might seem a heavy – but not impossible – lift. Five have already indicated they believe he caused the violence: Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Susan Collins of Maine, Ben Sasse of Nebraska, Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania and Mitt Romney of Utah.

Even Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell is a possible yes vote. “The mob was fed lies. They were provoked by the president and other powerful people,” McConnell said on the Senate floor Tuesday.

Much like a rare alignment of planets, the opportunity to purge Trump is fleeting. Republican senators fearing their own political futures might be tempted to let the moment pass and allow Trump’s corrosive control over the GOP to persist.

Or they could act with resolve – like ripping off a Band-Aid in one swift movement – and send him into well-deserved political exile.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.

Expanding rural internet access

The cost of internet access is a major barrier in providing broadband to every Hoosier, and the ongoing pandemic has further confirmed the need for expansion of these services. That’s why I authored Senate Bill 377, which would establish broadband programs to help distribute funds and gather data to increase internet access in our state.

With a \$100 million funding commitment, SB 377 would divide broadband funding into three programs – Next Level Connections

broadband, broadband connectivity and broadband adoption.

The funding would be divided among these broadband programs as follows:

Sixty percent of the funding would go toward the Next Level Connections broadband program, which is Indiana’s existing program to bring broadband to communities without any access at all;

Thirty percent would go toward expanding broadband to unserved areas using existing infrastructure; and

Ten percent would go to the broadband adoption program, which would provide financial assistance to individuals who report that while they could theoretically access broadband, they cannot afford the internet service.

My bill would also raise Indiana’s broadband standard to 25 megabits per second, matching the nationwide standard.

I drafted this legislation to help manage and distribute Indiana’s federal funds in a way that would make the greatest impact in our state for generations to come. SB 377 is a step further than the broadband legislation the General Assembly has previously considered, creating incentives for counties to implement a plan for expansion by 2022 to get the ball rolling.

SB 377 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Utilities. As a member of this committee and the author of this legislation, I look forward to presenting this bill to my colleagues.

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, represents District 17 in the Indiana State Senate.

LETTERS

Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child celebrates success

Despite a global pandemic, residents throughout northeast Indiana shared the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

At curbside drop-off locations for the Samaritan’s Purse project Operation Christmas Child, the generosity of donors across the U.S. resulted in more than 7.8 million shoebox gifts collected in 2020. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2020, the ministry is now sending more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes – packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items – volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God’s love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 186 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

Across northeast Indiana, shoebox packers shop for shoebox gift deals year-round, and many serve at a deeper level. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurserg.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761.

Although local drop off locations for gifts is closed until Nov. 15 to 22, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurserg.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

**Dana Williams
Media Relations Manager,
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The next head of the FDA should assist cultured-meat research

Joe Biden’s pick for the next head of the Food and Drug Administration should do everything in his or her power to help the nascent cultured-meat industry. For those who aren’t aware, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughtering animals. The FDA will share responsibility for regulating cultured meat with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Singapore recently became the first country in the world to approve the sale of this ground-breaking protein. Hopefully, America will soon follow suit. There is so much to be gained from the widespread adoption of cultured meat. It will benefit human health, the environment and animal welfare. The next head of the FDA should assist the development of this important industry.

**Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut**



Biden’s message for the dissatisfied

Standing where his predecessor decried what he subsequently delivered – “American carnage” – Joe Biden on Wednesday promised a recuperative presidency. His call for Americans to heed

George Will



the better angels of their nature – “each of us has a duty and responsibility” – recalled an admonition 160 years ago. In 1861, when seven of the 34 states had already voted for secession, the 16th president said

in his inaugural address that the nation’s fate was “in your hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in mine.” Today, too, ultimate responsibility for the republic’s trajectory resides in the citizenry.

Biden’s responsibility involves restoration of institutional norms and equilibrium. Five days before becoming president, he spoke five blunt words that would have been discordant in an inaugural address but that the entire nation needs to take to heart. Commenting on Republican members of Congress who refused to wear masks while crowded into protected rooms during the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Biden said: “It’s time to grow up.”

Grown-up American politics requires voters, as well as those they elect, to have the patience to respect constitutional processes. So, some words Biden spoke six weeks ago were heartening. Speaking truth to power is universally praised and occasionally practiced. On Dec. 8, however, in a meeting with supporters, Biden did something even rarer: He spoke truth about power.

He rejected pleas that he pursue broad swaths of his domestic agenda by aggressive use of what presidents of both parties have

wielded beyond constitutional propriety – executive orders. There might soon be many of those issued to undo some Trump measures: Policies that impatient, careless presidents implement by decrees are written on water. But there will not be the blizzard of executive fiat that progressives desire.

“There’s some things that I’m going to be able to do by executive order,” Biden said, “and I’m not going to hesitate to do it, but ... I am not going to violate the Constitution. Executive authority that my progressive friends talk about” – e.g., banning assault weapons – “is way beyond the bounds.” Fifteen days later, resisting pressure to unilaterally erase billions of dollars of student debt, he said, “I’ve spent most of my career arguing against the imperial presidency.”

Progressives yearning for New Deal 2.0 will notice that Biden did not speak as Franklin Roosevelt did in his first inaugural address about perhaps seeking “broad Executive power” as great as he would need “if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe.” Biden’s grown-up respect for institutional proprieties might be infectious, encouraging temperateness among his dissatisfied countrymen, 74 million of whom voted for four more years of infantilism.

Among the legislators in attendance on Wednesday was Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., who four days earlier had published in the Atlantic a call for Republicans to choose adulthood. Their House caucus now includes Georgia’s Marjorie Taylor Greene, who was one of those who would not wear a mask when closely confined on Jan. 6. She welcomed the previous presidency as “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take this global cabal of Satan-worshipping

pedophiles out.” She has vowed to try to impeach Biden on Thursday. Another first-term representative, Greene’s Republican colleague from Colorado, the pistol-packing Lauren Boebert, recently posted a long video of herself preening about how admirable she is because she carries her Glock on Capitol Hill.

Why are strange people proliferating? And why did 450,461 of our dissatisfied fellow countrymen vote to transform these two into lawmakers?

One reason, Sasse said, is “America’s junk-food media diet,” the “underlying economics” of which involve “dialing up the rhetoric” to increase “clicks, eyeballs, and revenue.” Another reason is “institutional collapse” as “the digital revolution erodes geographic communities in favor of placeless ones. Many people who yell at strangers on Twitter don’t know their own local officials or even their neighbors across the street.” And the susceptibility of a significant portion of the citizenry to irrational rage reflects “the failure of our traditional political institutions and our traditional media to function as spaces for genuine political conversation,” creating “a vacuum now filled by the social-media giants.”

Biden’s address, the essence of which was the admonition to “stop the shouting and lower the temperature” and end the “exhausting outrage,” had the unadorned rhetoric of a teacher telling disorderly pupils to sit down and buckle down. In tone, it was pitch-perfect for intimating to his dissatisfied fellow countrymen that they should not be self-satisfied. In their hands, not his, is the responsibility for mending the social fabric that they have played a large part in fraying.

George Will’s email address is george.will@washpost.com.

Drunken flirting puts close friend at greater distance

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been close friends with a woman named “Louise” for five years. Recently, we were all hanging out, and Louise got very drunk and tried to massage lotion into my husband’s hands. She also hugged him and wouldn’t let go, although he put his hands at his side and his whole body stiffened.

My husband has expressed to me that these situations made him very uncomfortable, and they do the same to me. We talked about letting Louise know, but he felt it would only make her feel awkward around us.

It has been a month, and I can’t seem to let it go. I don’t want to tell her, and I’m finding excuses to avoid her. Should I continue trying to let this go or is a conversation in order? — Taken Aback In New York

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: If you “let it go,” it will probably happen again and the friendship will be over. A conversation with Louise is overdue. She needs to know she must be more careful about her drinking, because the last time she became very drunk, she embarrassed not only your husband, but also you.

DEAR ABBY: I am childless, but I have a niece I’ve given lots of money to over the years. She’s in her mid-40s with a young child and a husband who has a low-paying job.

Although she has several degrees, she has worked mostly as a waitress. They live in a tiny apartment and during these rough times, I have been paying their rent. She rarely acknowledges it. I have never discussed it with her parents, and I have no idea how much they have (or have not) helped her.

I’m conflicted about helping her/them because this is such a tough time. I can’t see how they’re going to make their lives better without help. I’m wondering if you have some advice on how I can best assist them or if I should stop. — Losing Faith In Colorado

DEAR LOSING FAITH: You haven’t spoken to your niece’s parents about what you have been doing. Why not? If you do, it may give you a clearer picture of her situation. I wish you had been more forthcoming about why she isn’t using any of the college degrees she has earned. If her parents are helping her, you may need to be doing less.

Your niece should research to find out whether government assistance is available. If it isn’t, and you can afford it, consider continuing the financial assistance until the COVID situation is under control. Then your niece and her husband can get back on their feet, and you can stop being treated like an ATM.

DEAR ABBY: I have a male best friend I adore. When I tell other men about my bestie, they feel intimidated because he has a key to my apartment. We are not dating; we just have sex sometimes, and everyone that I try to be with knows about him. Must I give up on my bestie to be with the man I love even though Bestie and I promised each other that we will never break our bond for anyone? — Complicated In Tennessee

DEAR COMPLICATED: If you hadn’t been having sex sometimes with your bestie, the “man you love” might have been able to accept him. The answer to your question is yes, you WILL have to make a choice. Now, the question I have for you is, which man do you think is the keeper?

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

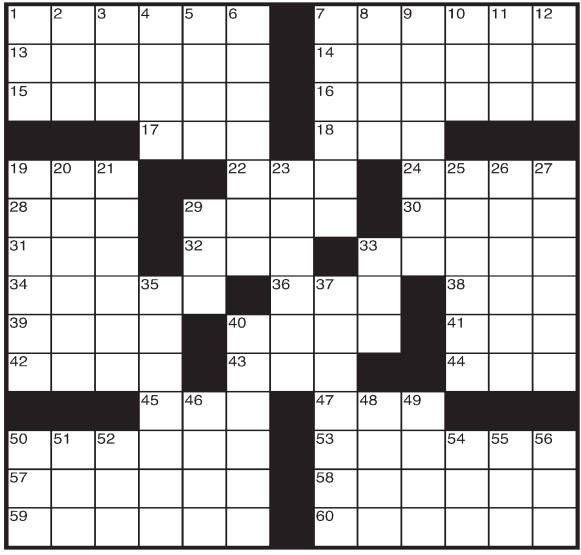
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 - 18 Ltd. cousin
 - 19 Snow boot
 - 22 Cl- or Ca++
 - 24 Chooses
 - 28 Friend of Henri
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 - 30 None
 - 31 Kennel sleeper
 - 32 Mil. officer
 - 33 Shafts
 - 34 Clog locale
 - 36 Daughter of Hyperion
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 - 4 Belief systems
 - 5 Mysterious
 - 6 Swirling around
 - 7 Swinging off course
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 - 9 Wireless pioneer
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 - 11 Garden implement
 - 12 Journalist
 - 13 Curry
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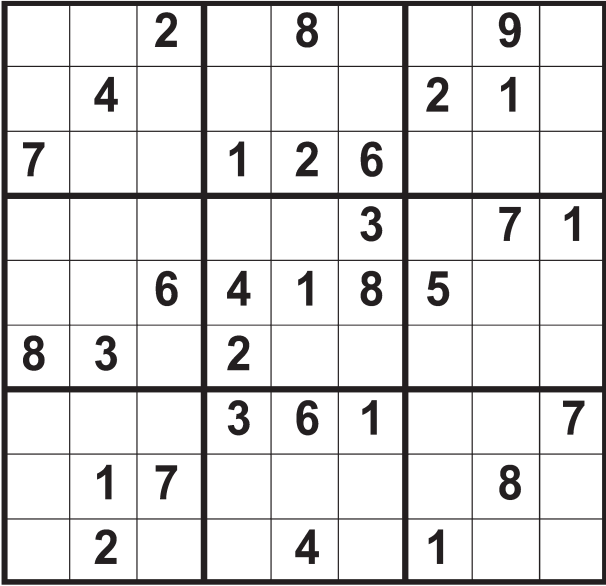
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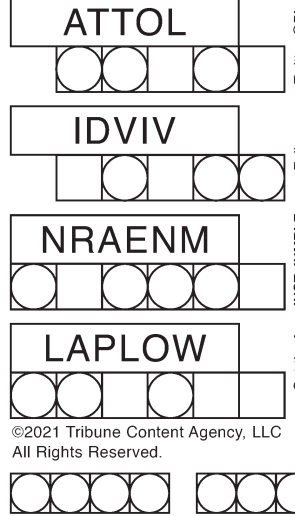
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Saturday's Jumbles: LOGIC USHER SPLICE HANGAR Answer: The terrestrial gastropod mollusk was in a lazy mood and feeling a bit — SLUGGISH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

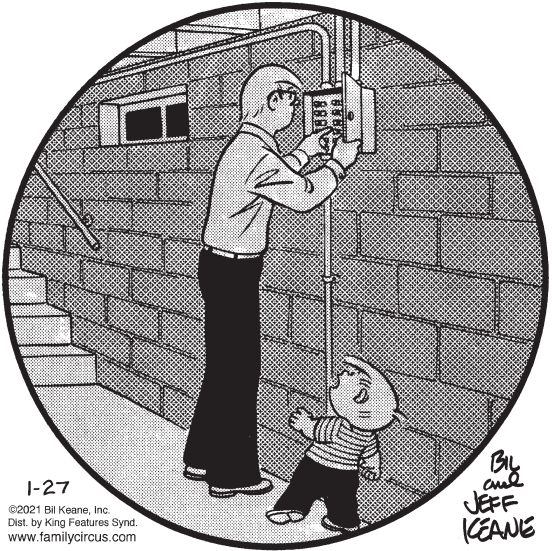


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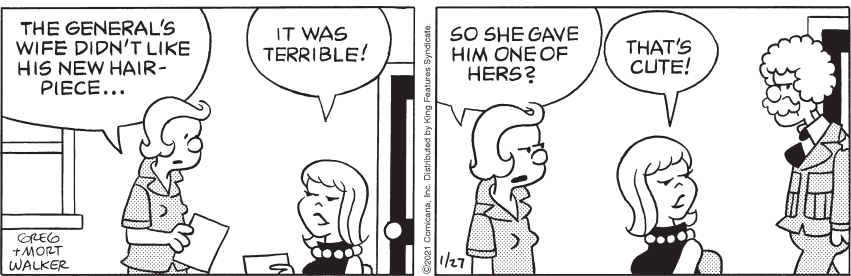
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Did we run out of ‘lectricity?”

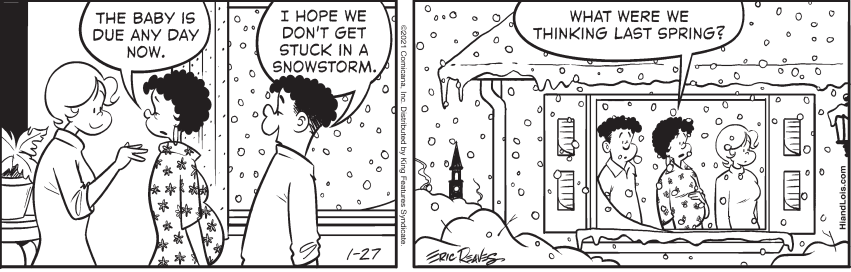
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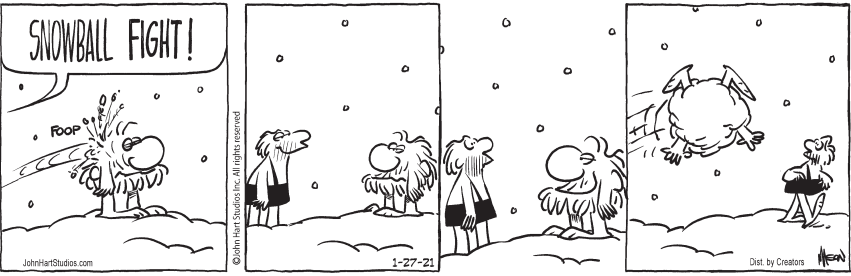
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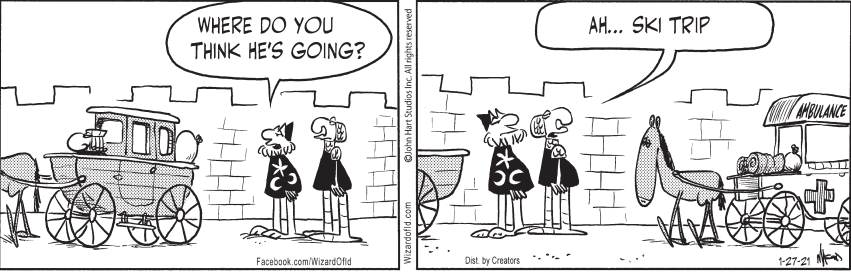
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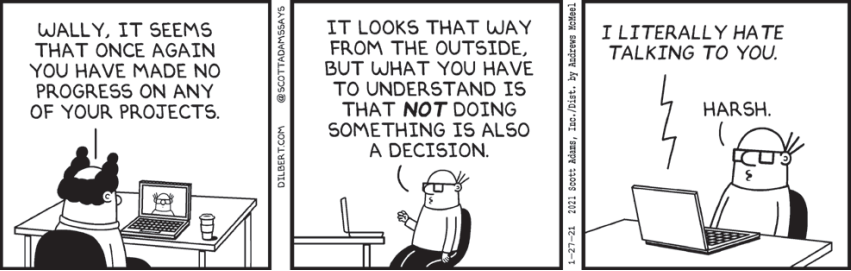
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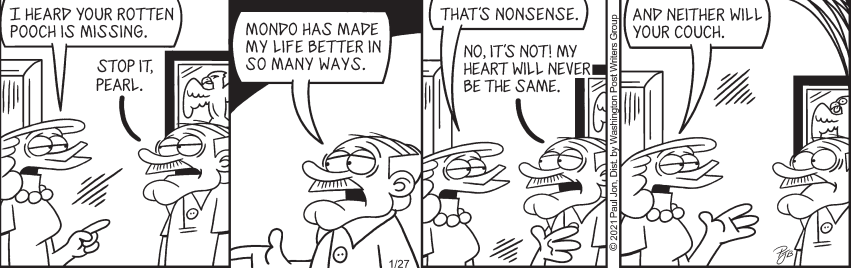
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The baptism of the Holy Spirit is in the life of every believer

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am a seminary student and am learning about baptism. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? — B.H.

A: A preacher once asked a younger preacher if he had been baptized with the Holy Spirit. The young man replied yes. The preacher asked, “When?” The young man replied, “The moment I received Jesus Christ as my Savior.” The baptism of the Holy Spirit is in the life of every believer, and that takes place at the moment of conversion. This baptism was initiated at Pentecost, and all who come to know Jesus Christ share in that experience [of being filled with the Spirit of God].

The Scriptural usage of the

word baptism shows that it is something initiatory both in the case of water baptism and Spirit baptism, and that it is not repeated. The Bible says, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13). The original Greek of this passage makes it clear that this baptism of the Spirit is a completed past action.

Two things stand out in that verse: The baptism with the Spirit is a collective operation of the Spirit of God; second, it includes every believer.

The baptism with the Spirit is connected with our standing before God. When we come to Christ, He puts His Spirit within us. It doesn’t necessarily mean that we always follow His Spirit in obedience, but His Spirit is present. The Bible also tells us that “the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in [Jesus’] name, He will teach you all things” (John 14:26). This precious gift, the Holy Spirit, not only convicts of sin but also convinces men that Jesus is the righteousness of God.

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information, visit www.curehunger.org.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Wabash Area Community Theater plans first show of 2021

“Love Letters” by A.R. Gurney will take place from Friday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 14, which is Valentine’s Day weekend. The show will be featured as “Dinnertainment,” performed in a dinner theater setting in the Big Four Ballroom located in Charley Creek Inn. Dinner theater tickets are \$30 per person with advance purchase required. Show dates will be Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13. Doors and cash bar open at 6 p.m. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the doors, cash bar and meal open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, email director Brett Robinson at b.a.robinson@outlook.com.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the design-

nated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

Grow Wabash County to postpone State of Our Communities event

Grow Wabash County has announced they will postpone the State of Our Communities event, which was formerly slated for Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. The new date will be from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Eagles Theatre. Registration will open in the coming weeks and further information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities to follow.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

MUTATION

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company also announced they would test an additional booster dose of its vaccine to study.

Hoosiers age 70 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents and first responders, are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

As of Tuesday, 459,701 Hoosiers have received the first dose of vaccine, and 106,874 are fully vaccinated, according to the ISDH.

To schedule a vaccination, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211. Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccines become available.

Parkview Wabash Hospital president Marilyn J. Custer-Mitchell said those interested in taking part in the local waiting list may email info@cityofwabash.com.

School figures

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, Jan. 25 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 164 schools reported no cases, 1,911 reported one or more case and 293 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only White’s Jr./Sr. High School has reported to the ISDH that they have no cases.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 47 total stu-

dent positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 38 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, six total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, 11 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 14 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 16 total student positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Local figures

■ On Saturday, the ISDH reported 18 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,032, with 13,174 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 17 percent.

■ On Sunday, the ISDH reported 13 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,045, with 13,287 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 18.8 percent.

■ On Monday, the ISDH reported 13 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,058, with 13,240 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 20.5 percent.

■ On Tuesday, the ISDH reported 11 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,069, with 13,261 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 21 percent.

Statewide figures

■ On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 1,777 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 614,946 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

■ A total of 9,432 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 80 from the previous day. Another 375 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

■ To date, 2,912,183 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 2,907,032 on Monday. A total of 6,787,227 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

■ To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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LIBRARIES

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“As such, much thought and planning have been put into how we can offer important library resources and services while still protecting the health of library visitors and staff,” said Hann. “Though our building is open to the public, we will continue to provide important services such as our free e-libraries and curbside pickup.” Hann said curbside requests may be made online or by calling during business

hours. Fulfilled orders can be picked up during library open hours.

Hann said masks were required for library visitors and staff while on library property.

“Those who do not have a mask can receive a free mask at the front desk. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask for any reason, we will be happy to help you through curbside services, digital resources, by phone.”

Hann said they would continue to utilize Plexiglas shields at the circulation desks and will continue “elevated cleaning and disinfect-

ing procedures.”

“Hand sanitizer stations continue to be made available throughout the building, and public spaces are routinely cleaned and disinfected with Concept 256, a hospital-grade cleaner, or by our UV Disinfecter. All patrons are encouraged to maintain a safe social distance from staff and other library users. Younger children will need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver when visiting the library,” said Hann.

Hann said there was still no in-person programming in the library building.

“It is difficult, as our staff

love to plan and host programs. However, we also realize that it would be difficult to enforce physical distancing at most of our programs. In the meantime, many programs are now being conducted online. We encourage all patrons to check out our website or Facebook page for more information,” said Hann.

Hann said they were “so grateful for the support of the North Manchester community.”

For more information, call 260-982-4773, visit www.nman.lib.in.us or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Wabash Carnegie Public Library

As the NMPL began preparations to open its doors once again, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said they hadn’t made any concrete plans on re-opening as of yet.

On Tuesday, Wimberly said they were “tentatively looking to open the library building up at the beginning of February but a decision has not been made.”

“We are anticipating a decision in the next few days,” said Wimberly. “Along with con-

sultation with the local health officials, we will evaluate data from the ISDH website before reaching a decision. We continue to thank the Wabash community for your support and engagement.”

Wimberly said once they had decided, they would inform the community.

“The COVID pandemic has been very challenging to all of us in so many ways but we look forward to a time soon of serving our community in person along with curbside services,” said Wimberly.

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does not prevent Weaver or the city from continuing to engage in transactions, but it does require him to abstain from anything that would be a conflict.

“And it makes us aware that there is at least the potential of a conflict,” said Lehman.

According to the statement, Weaver “acknowledges that he will fully disclose any interest in any contract,

business, advertising or enterprise between the station and the city before any official action being taken.”

“He will recuse himself from voting as a member of the Common Council ... on awarding any contracts, business, advertising or enterprise to the station and on any other issue that may come before the Common Council ... from which the station could be reasonably be expected to benefit,” according to the statement.

Mayor Scott Long said Board of Works member

Jim Reynolds had also signed one in the past.

Outside of being a business, Weaver’s station is also a media presence in the area. However, Weaver said, “as far as the news goes, we don’t necessarily generate news stories.”

“We don’t do any type of in-depth reporting on anything. I don’t think there’s a conflict there. If anything, I think that I can help push getting people more involved. Like, ‘Hey, we’ve got a city council meeting, you guys ought to show up.’

I think what I’d like to do is try to get more people involved in government,” said Weaver.

Weaver said even if he did cover anything specifically in the future, he “wouldn’t write a news story and it was leaning toward something I wanted.”

“Unfortunately, we don’t have a news reporter. I’m the morning guy and the owner,” said Weaver.

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PLANS

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tribal, public and environmental group feedback for the project was completed on Jan. 21. The Corps says the project “will have no effect on federally listed species or their designated critical habitat” and that the project will not “cause adverse effects on historic properties following the correspondence with various groups.

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma tribal historic preservation officer Diane Hunter asked the Corps to notify tribal leaders if any human remains, cultural items or archeological evidence is discovered during the project since the tribe wasn’t aware of any documented historical sites in the construction area.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management representative Wes Hauser raised concerns about potential effects on water quality because the plan calls for dredging along with the island removal.

The environmental assessment by the Corps responded to these concerns, saying the impact on water quality will be temporary and that they will use precautions to lessen the impact. The Corps says removal of material from the outlet river will occur during low flow conditions and that erosion control features such as silt fences, vegetation and rip rap will be used.

Kenneth A. Westlake, deputy director of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Tribal and Multimedia Programs Office, lobbied for measures to be put in place to protect endangered species, water quality, air quality and cultural and historical structures.

The project location is home to the endangered Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, fan shell mussel, snuffbox mussel, sheepnose mussel, rabbitsfoot mussel and east-

ern massasagua rattlesnake, according to the Corps.

The Corps plans to only remove trees between Oct. 1 and April 1 and restrict tree removal during the bat nesting period. No water work will be conducted from April 1 to June 30 to accommodate fish spawning. The Fish and Wildlife Service agreed that no impacts to other endangered species are likely, the Corps environmental assessment states.

As for water quality, the Corps states that the negative effects to water quality will only be temporary and that the erosion control measures implemented during the project will improve water quality over time.

The Corps also noted that Salamonie Lake and Salamonie River are considered impaired bodies of water, according to IDEM reports. Impairments include PCBs in fish tissue, chloride, nutrients and the presence of E. Coli.

The EPA recommended that an alternative route for a construction equipment access road be identified since the preliminary plan “goes through a highly-vegetated area.”

According to a letter from Fish and Wildlife Service representative Elizabeth McCloskey, the access road will be built at the base of the dam on the northeast side of the outlet river where Pefley Road and South Salamonie Dam Road intersect.

The exact timeline of the construction activity were not identified in the report, but the document calls for the project to be completed by 2070. The report does call for temporary limitations on recreation access during use of heavy machinery.

This story will be updated as more information is made available.

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THE ESTATE OF
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For Publication in Newspaper
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Defendant: SCOT A. MILLER and FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FRANCES SLOCUM BANK & TRUST, CALVARY SPV 1, LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, NO PROBLEM SEAMLESS GUTTERS, LLC, LARRY E. HOOVER DBA QUALITY ELECTRIC, INC.
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: Part of the Northeast Fractional Quarter and part of the Southeast Fractional Quarter (lying north of the Eel River) all in Section 35, township 29 North, Range 5 East, Wabash County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter marked by an Iron rebar stake; thence North 87 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the north line of said Northeast Quarter, 2489.85 feet; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 29 seconds West, parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 1527.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence north 82 degrees 20 minutes 26 seconds East, 242.06 feet to a wood corner post; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 02 seconds West, 1707.77 feet to a concrete corner post; thence North 84 degrees 29 minutes 29 seconds East, 41.66 feet ;thence South 10 degrees 15 minutes 58 seconds East, 276.88 feet to a pk nail; thence South 74 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds West, along the center-line of River Road, 343.18 feet to a pk nail; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 29 seconds East, 2033.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 11.47 acres, more or less. Subject to highways, right-of-ways, easements and restrictions of record
Commonly Known as: 7432 W RIVER ROAD, WABASH, IN 46992
Parcel No. 85-05-35-200-040.000-010
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.
* An entire Sheriffs Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriffs Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriffs Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.
Jard P. Baker, Plaintiff's Attorney
Attorney No. 316110-02
Burt Blee Dixon Sutton & Bloom LLP
200 East Main Street. Ste 1000
Ft Wayne. IN 46802
(260)426-1300
Ryan Baker, Sheriff
By: Connie Rich,
Administrative Assistant
Phone: (260) 563-8891
Lagro Township
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein.
PLEASE SERVE:
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Chester Township, Wabash County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2020						
Governmental Activities	Local Fund	Local Fund	Beg Cash & Inv Bal			End Cash & Inv Bal
	Fund	Name	Jan 1, 2019	Receipts	Disbursements	Dec 31, 2019
	0061	RAINY DAY FUND	\$104,414.52	\$46,122.00	\$49,342.90	\$101,193.62
	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	\$253,373.30	\$94,564.97	\$88,939.30	\$258,998.97
	0201	LIBRARY FUND	\$26,358.85	\$11,218.70	\$8,020.00	\$29,557.55
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$241,959.81	\$1,307.51	\$11,724.29	\$231,543.03
	1111	FIRE FIGHTING FUND	\$438,830.10	\$333,694.78	\$239,404.76	\$533,120.12
	1190	CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND	\$42,286.46	\$20,391.05	\$14,421.90	\$48,255.61
	1312	RECREATIONAL FUND	\$33,464.33	\$0.00	\$7,239.29	\$26,225.04
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$0.00	\$35,399.54	\$36,686.70	\$1,287.16
		Total All Funds	\$1,140,687.37	\$542,698.55	\$455,779.14	\$1,227,606.78
Chester Township, Wabash County, Indiana Detailed Receipts 2020						
Governmental Activities	RAINY DAY FUND	Transfers In - Transferred from Another Fund				\$46,122.00
		Total RAINY DAY FUND				\$46,122.00
	TOWNSHIP FUND	General Property Taxes				\$37,159.53
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety				\$47,124.66
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$4,895.15
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$2,028.12
		Cemetery Receipts				\$2,050.00
		Earnings on Investments and Deposits				\$1,307.51
		Total TOWNSHIP FUND				\$142,800.79
	LIBRARY FUND	General Property Taxes				\$9,957.82
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$685.00
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$575.88
		Total LIBRARY FUND				\$11,218.70
	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	Earnings on Investments and Deposits				\$1,307.51
		Total TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				\$1,307.51
	FIRE FIGHTING FUND	General Property Taxes				\$163,365.99
		County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) Certified Shares				\$128,680.96
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety				\$25,054.62
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$13,551.15
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$319.14
		Earnings on Investments and Deposits				\$2,614.92
		Other Receipts/5600 - REFUNDS				\$58.00
		Other Receipts/6500 - MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS				\$50.00
		Total FIRE FIGHTING FUND				\$333,694.78
	CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND	General Property Taxes				\$19,049.75
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$1,310.44
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$30.86
		Total CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND				\$20,391.05
	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	Payroll Fund and Clearing Account Receipts				\$35,399.54
		Total PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS				\$35,399.54
Chester Township, Wabash County, Indiana Disbursements by Vendor 2020						
Fund/Category/Vendor Name			Amount	Fund/Category/Vendor Name		
RAINY DAY FUND				1272 DAN RENZ		
Capital Outlays				1289 BRANDON WHITCRAFT		
1448 HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT			\$10,130.40	1281 KEVIN NICCUM		
1471 L A BAREFOOT			\$6,175.00	1384 COREY THOMAS		
1301 CROSSROADS BANK			\$30,000.00	FIRE FIGHTING FUND		
1478 JERRY MARTIN			\$737.50	Supplies		
1474 T & D TRANSPORT LLC			\$2,300.00	1448 HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT		
RAINY DAY FUND			\$49,342.90	1245 J & K COMMUNICATIONS		
TOWNSHIP FUND				1285 BRAD ROSER		
Personal Services				1368 NAPA AUTO PARTS - N MANCHESTER		
1216 FLORENCE DAHLSTROM			\$18,000.00	1355 EEL RIVER OUTDOOR POWER		
1401 BRET BECHTOLD			\$800.00	1447 RENZ REPAIR SERVICE		
1403 LAMOINE THOMAS			\$800.00	1308 FIRE SERVICE INC		
1249 PERF			\$2,016.00	1461 GENERAL PARTS LLC		
1252 HUMANA HEALTH PLAN INSURANCE			\$757.42	1329 POSTON PLUMBING SERVICES		
1238 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)			\$1,491.75	1387 E-T FIRE EXTINGUISHERS		
1453 JEFFREY L MICHEL			\$800.00	1476 BRUCE A SCHOENEMANN		
TOWNSHIP FUND				1424 EEL RIVER GENERATORS LLC		
Supplies				1319 BRADNER FIRE & RESCUE		
1250 BIT COMPUTERS			\$400.00	1316 WILDMAN UNIFORM & LINEN		
1239 POSTMASTER			\$223.00	1470 REDIMED HUNTINGTON CLINIC		
1240 FLO DAHLSTROM REIMBURSEMENT ACCT			\$461.58	1458 AUTO-WARES		
1347 STAPLES			\$862.38	1382 WEX BANK		
1332 BOYCE FORMS SYSTEMS			\$242.21	1266 SERVISOFT ECOWATER		
TOWNSHIP FUND				1225 THE HARDWARE		
Services and Charges				1425 AMERICAN TEST CENTER		
1300 KENDALL PITTS			\$6,275.00	1257 R & S FABRICATION		
1270 CAPSTONE INSURANCE GROUP LLC			\$993.15	1349 STINE TIRE INC		
1247 INDIANA TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION			\$250.00	1277 MATTHEW R ENYEART		
1212 NET RESULTS			\$556.00	1343 METZGER LANDSCAPING & DESIGN		
1316 WILDMAN UNIFORM & LINEN			\$413.73	1240 FLO DAHLSTROM REIMBURSEMENT ACCT		
1234 FRONTIER			\$1,321.18	1459 O'REILLY FIRST CALL		
1252 HUMANA HEALTH PLAN INSURANCE			\$138.22	1372 STANLEY STEAMER		
1227 NIPSCO			\$200.00	1347 STAPLES		
1394 DAY TREE SERVICE			\$2,000.00	1467 MILLER SEWER & DRAIN INC		
1370 STEVEN MELTON			\$100.00	1263 WABASH COUNTY TREASURER		
1258 NEWS-JOURNAL			\$736.92	1375 SENTINEL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS		
1293 AMERICAN LEGION POST #286			\$846.72	1309 TROXEL EQUIPMENT CO		
1243 WABASH PLAIN DEALER			\$707.79	1479 MEGHANN VOLK		
1230 RUPPEL ELECTRIC INC			\$69.20	FIRE FIGHTING FUND		
1405 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE			\$105.00	Services and Charges		
1478 JERRY MARTIN			\$100.00	1280 NOLAN HOLLOWAY		
1329 POSTON PLUMBING SERVICES			\$150.05	1215 MATTHEW BECHTOLD		
TOWNSHIP FUND				1285 BRAD ROSER		
Capital Outlays				1253 DISH NETWORK		
1250 BIT COMPUTERS			\$1,000.00	1297 CHESTER TOWNSHIP VOL FIRE DEPT		
TOWNSHIP FUND				1276 BENJAMIN ENYEART		
Other Disbursements				1270 CAPSTONE INSURANCE GROUP LLC		
5206 TRANSFER OF FUNDS			\$46,122.00	1214 REX A RENZ		
TOWNSHIP FUND			\$88,939.30	1218 CARY J WALTERS		
LIBRARY FUND				1288 BRANDON VOLK		
Services and Charges				1456 DELTON MOORE		
1219 N MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY			\$8,020.00	1316 WILDMAN UNIFORM & LINEN		
LIBRARY FUND			\$8,020.00	1234 FRONTIER		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				1232 TRAVELERS		
Personal Services				1217 CHRISTOPHER A HAUPERT		
1238 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)			\$46.51	1227 NIPSCO		
1313 BECCA T MELTON			\$458.00	1287 EVAN SCHENKEL		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				1265 MICHAEL STEPHAN		
Supplies				1213 BRADY M AIRGOOD		
1239 POSTMASTER			\$223.00	1283 ZACHARY RENZ		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				1410 ANDREW G METZGER		
Services and Charges				1275 TODD DIERKS		
1212 NET RESULTS			\$556.00	1284 MICHAEL RITENOUR		
1234 FRONTIER			\$739.61	1277 MATTHEW R ENYEART		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				1386 HEARTLAND REMC		
Township Assistance				1443 CODY MEEKS		
1292 N MANCHESTER UTILITIES			\$583.46	1274 PHIL CRIPE		
1296 NEW MARKET			\$439.33	1272 DAN RENZ		
1261 HERITAGE ESTATES LLC			\$460.00	1289 BRANDON WHITCRAFT		
1477 NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET			\$399.05	1281 KEVIN NICCUM		
1395 REACH INC			\$50.00	1384 COREY THOMAS		
1417 CLEAR CREEK APTS			\$500.00	1475 PLEASANT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT		
1236 MCKEE MORTUARY INC			\$1,800.00	FIRE FIGHTING FUND		
1231 DUKE ENERGY - TRUSTEE ACCTS			\$2,374.70	Capital Outlays		
1392 CASEY'S GENERAL STORE			\$300.00	1448 HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT		
1473 MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS			\$500.00	1245 J & K COMMUNICATIONS		
1480 MATT LONG			\$500.00	1283 ZACHARY RENZ		
1374 NIPSCO BILLING DEPT			\$219.68	1349 STINE TIRE INC		
1460 JARRETT BRADLEY			\$500.00	1433 DUO-SAFETY LADDER CORP		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE				FIRE FIGHTING FUND		
Capital Outlays				CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND		
1250 BIT COMPUTERS			\$1,074.95	Capital Outlays		
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE			\$11,724.29	1448 HOOSIER FIRE EQUIPMENT		
FIRE FIGHTING FUND				1301 CROSSROADS BANK		
Personal Services				CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND		
1462 MOORE, ASHTON			\$151.71	RECREATIONAL FUND		
1280 NOLAN HOLLOWAY			\$240.00	Supplies		
1215 MATTHEW BECHTOLD			\$240.00	1472 JERRY EGOLF		
1285 BRAD ROSER			\$240.00	RECREATIONAL FUND		
1276 BENJAMIN ENYEART			\$240.00	Services and Charges		
1214 REX A RENZ			\$240.00	1300 KENDALL PITTS		
1218 CARY J WALTERS			\$240.00	1469 ARVEL CONLEY		
1288 BRANDON VOLK			\$1,540.00	1472 JERRY EGOLF		
1456 DELTON MOORE			\$240.00	1464 MARK EASTWAY		
1249 PERF			\$8,844.32	1263 WABASH COUNTY TREASURER		
1252 HUMANA HEALTH PLAN INSURANCE			\$661.60	RECREATIONAL FUND		
1217 CHRISTOPHER A HAUPERT			\$865.00	Capital Outlays		
1287 EVAN SCHENKEL			\$240.00	1343 METZGER LANDSCAPING & DESIGN		
1265 MICHAEL STEPHAN			\$870.00	1240 FLO DAHLSTROM REIMBURSEMENT ACCT		
1213 BRADY M AIRGOOD			\$1,365.03	1478 JERRY MARTIN		
1283 ZACHARY RENZ			\$37,096.00	RECREATIONAL FUND		
1410 ANDREW G METZGER			\$40,396.68	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
1238 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)			\$10,274.86	Personal Services		
1275 TODD DIERKS			\$240.00	1445 INDIANA STATE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT		
1284 MICHAEL RITENOUR			\$3,365.00	1249 PERF		
1277 MATTHEW R ENYEART			\$39,052.00	1238 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)		
1443 CODY MEEKS			\$2,240.00	1237 INDIANA DEPT OF REVENUE		
1274 PHIL CRIPE			\$240.00	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
CERTIFICATION						
State of Indiana						
SS:						
Wabash County						
I, Florence Dahlstrom, Trustee of CHESTER TOWNSHIP, Wabash County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.						
Florence Dahlstrom						
CHESTER TOWNSHIP Trustee						
Telephone: 260-982-2287						
Date this report was to be published: January 27, 2021						
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of CHESTER TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 13th day of January, 2021.						
Lamoine Thomas						
Chester Township Board Chairman						
OPTION 1						
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 13th day of January, 2021.						
Chester Township Board:						
Lamoine Thomas						
Jeff Michel						
Lamoine Thomas						
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Teen held in Indiana killings of 5, including pregnant woman

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis police arrested a 17-year-old boy Monday in the killings of five people, including a pregnant woman, who were shot to death inside a home in what the city’s mayor called a “devastating act of violence.”

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said in a statement that the name of the suspect in Sunday’s killings was “not being released at this time since the suspect is a juvenile.” No one else was believed to be involved, police said.

Police said Sunday that the fatal shootings were discovered by police who had been called about 4 a.m. Sunday to investigate reports of a person shot on the city’s near northeast side and first found a juvenile male with gunshot wounds.

As officers were investi-

gating, police received information about 4:40 a.m. that led them to a nearby home, where they found multiple adults dead inside from apparent gunshot wounds, Sgt. Shane Foley said Sunday.

IMPD spokeswoman Aliya Wishner said Monday that the suspect in custody is a 17-year-old boy who is not the same juvenile male who was found wounded Sunday before the victims’ bodies were discovered.

Michael Leffler, a spokeswoman for Prosecutor Ryan Mears, said in response to a request for comment on what charges the suspect might face, and if he would be waived into adult court, that the office “can only confirm what IMPD has already released at this time.”

Police Chief Randal Taylor said Monday in a statement announcing the arrest that he was asking the community to pray for the recovery of the juvenile male found

wounded Sunday, saying that his “life has been forever changed.”

Foley said Sunday that police believe that juvenile, whose age has not been released, was wounded in the same shootings that left the five others dead, along with the unborn child.

Kezzie Childs, 42, Raymond Childs, 42, Elijah Childs, 18, Rita Childs, 13, and Kiara Hawkins, 19, and the unborn child of Hawkins were pronounced dead after being found in the home, the Marion County Coroner’s office said. Hawkins was first taken to an area hospital, but both she and her unborn male child died despite life-saving efforts, authorities said.

Police did not release details Sunday of the relationships between the shooting victims, and Wishner said Monday afternoon that information was not yet available because the case is cur-

rently under seal in a Marion County court.

But Mayor Joe Hogsett referred to the victims as “the Childs family” in a statement thanking Indianapolis police for their quick arrest of a suspect.

“Today’s announcement is the first step toward justice for the senseless acts that cut short the lives of six of our neighbors in the early hours of Sunday morning. While nothing can bring back the Childs family, I hope that the swift action of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department offers some comfort to all of those who have been left to grapple with this tragic loss,” Hogsett said.

“My thanks go to the men and women of IMPD whose thoughtful investigative work led to the arrest of the suspect, and my prayers are with the family, friends, and community impacted by this devastating act of violence,” he said.

Biden orders end of federally run private prisons

By AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered the Department of Justice to end its reliance on private prisons and acknowledge the central role government has played in implementing discriminatory housing policies.

In remarks before signing the order, Biden said the U.S. government needs to change “its whole approach” on the issue of racial equity. He added that the nation is less prosperous and secure because of the scourge of systemic racism.

“We must change now,” the president said. “I know it’s going to take time, but I know we can do it. And I firmly believe the nation is ready to change. But government has to change as well.”

Biden rose to the presidency during a year of intense reckoning on institutional racism in the U.S. The moves announced on Tuesday reflect his efforts to follow through with campaign pledges to combat racial injustice.

Beyond calling on the Justice Department to curb the use of private prisons and address housing discrimination, the new orders will recommit the federal government to respect tribal sovereignty and disavow discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community over the coronavirus pandemic.

Biden directed the Department of Housing and Urban Development in a memorandum to take steps to promote equitable housing policy. The memorandum calls for HUD to examine the effects of Trump regulatory actions that may have undermined fair housing policies and laws.

Months before the November election, the Trump administration rolled back an Obama-era rule that required communities that wanted to receive HUD funding to document and report patterns of racial bias.

The order to end the reliance on privately-run prisons directs the attorney general not to renew Justice Department contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities. The move will effectively revert the Justice Department to the same posture it held at the end of the Obama administration.

“This is a first step to stop corporations from profiting

off of incarceration,” Biden said.

The more than 14,000 federal inmates housed at privately-managed facilities represent a fraction of the nearly 152,000 federal inmates currently incarcerated.

The federal Bureau of Prisons had already opted not to renew some private prison contracts in recent months as the number of inmates dwindled and thousands were released to home confinement because of the coronavirus pandemic.

GEO Group, a private company that operates federal prisons, called the Biden order “a solution in search of a problem.”

“Given the steps the BOP had already announced, today’s Executive Order merely represents a political statement, which could carry serious negative unintended consequences, including the loss of hundreds of jobs and negative economic impact for the communities where our facilities are located, which are already struggling economically due to the COVID pandemic,” a GEO Group spokesperson said in a statement.

David Fathi, director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s National Prison Project, noted that the order does not end the federal government’s reliance on privately-run immigration detention centers.

“The order signed today is an important first step toward acknowledging the harm that has been caused and taking actions to repair it, but President Biden has an obligation to do more, especially given his history and promises,” Fathi said.

The memorandum highlighting xenophobia against Asian Americans is in large part a reaction to what White House officials say was offensive and dangerous rhetoric from the Trump administration. Trump, throughout the pandemic, repeatedly used xenophobic language in public comments when referring to the coronavirus.

The latest executive actions come after Biden signed an order Monday reversing a Trump-era Pentagon policy that largely barred transgender people from serving in the military. Last week, he signed an order reversing Trump’s ban on travelers from several predominantly Muslim and African countries.

Republicans largely vote against holding Trump impeachment trial

By LISA MASCARO and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans voted overwhelmingly Tuesday against moving forward with Donald Trump’s historic second impeachment trial, making clear a conviction of the former president for “incitement of insurrection” is unlikely.

In a 55-45 procedural vote, the Senate set aside an objection from Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul that would have declared the impeachment proceedings unconstitutional. That means the trial on Trump’s impeachment, the first ever of a former president, will begin as scheduled the week of Feb. 8.

The House impeached him two weeks ago for inciting deadly riots in the Capitol on Jan. 6 when he told his supporters to “fight like hell” to overturn his election defeat.

Yet the support of 45 Republicans for declaring the trial invalid indicates that there are long odds for Trump’s conviction, which would require the support of all Democrats and 17 Republicans, or two-thirds of the Senate. While most Republi-

cans criticized Trump shortly after the attack, many of them have rushed to defend him in the trial, showing the former president’s enduring sway over the GOP.

“If more than 34 Republicans vote against the constitutionality of the proceeding, the whole thing’s dead on arrival,” Paul said shortly before the vote.” Paul said Democrats “probably should rest their case and present no case at all.”

The senators took oaths Tuesday to ensure “impartial justice” as jurors in the trial, proceedings that will test Republican loyalty to the former president for the first time after the deadly siege at the U.S. Capitol.

Many Republican senators, including Paul, have challenged the legitimacy of the trial and questioned whether Trump’s repeated demands to overturn Joe Biden’s election really constitute “incitement of insurrection.”

So what seemed for some Democrats like an open-and-shut case that played out for the world on live television is running into a Republican Party that feels very different. Not only are there legal concerns, but senators are wary of crossing the former

president and his legions of followers. Security remains tight at the Capitol.

On Monday, the nine House Democrats prosecuting the case against Trump carried the sole impeachment charge of “incitement of insurrection” across the Capitol in a solemn and ceremonial march along the same halls the rioters ransacked three weeks ago.

The lead House prosecutor, Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, stood before the Senate to describe the violent events of Jan. 6 – five people died – and read the House resolution charging “high crimes and misdemeanors.”

Republicans came to Trump’s legal defense.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, asked if Congress starts holding impeachment trials of former officials, what’s next: “Could we go back and try President Obama?”

Besides, he suggested, Trump has already been held to account. “One way in our system you get punished is losing an election.”

For Democrats the tone, tenor and length of the trial so early in Biden’s presidency poses its own challenge, forcing them to strike a balance between their vow to

hold Trump accountable and their eagerness to deliver on the new administration’s priorities following their sweep of control of the House, Senate and White House.

Chief Justice John Roberts is not presiding at the trial, as he did during Trump’s first impeachment, potentially affecting the gravitas of the proceedings. The shift is said to be in keeping with protocol because Trump is no longer in office.

Instead, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who serves in the largely ceremonial role of Senate president pro tempore, was sworn in on Tuesday.

Leaders in both parties agreed to a short delay in the proceedings, which serves their political and practical interests, even as National Guard troops remain at the Capitol because of security threats to lawmakers ahead of the trial.

The start date gives Trump’s new legal team time to prepare its case, while also providing more than a month’s distance from the passions of the bloody riot. For the Democratic-led Senate, the intervening weeks provide prime time to confirm some of Biden’s key Cabinet nominees.

U.S. surging vaccine to states amid complaints of shortages

By JONATHAN DREW and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

Answering growing frustration over vaccine shortages, President Joe Biden announced Tuesday that the U.S. is surging deliveries to hard-pressed states over the next three weeks and expects to provide enough doses to vaccinate 300 million Americans by the end of the summer or early fall.

Biden, calling the push a “wartime effort,” said the administration was working to buy an additional 100 million doses of each of the two approved coronavirus vaccines. He acknowledged that states in recent weeks have been left guessing how much vaccine they will have from one week to the next.

Shortages have been so severe that some vaccination sites around the U.S. had to cancel tens of thousands of appointments with people seeking their first shot.

“This is unacceptable,” Biden said. “Lives are at stake.”

He promised a roughly 16 percent boost in deliveries to states over the next three weeks.

The administration said it plans to buy another 100 million doses each from drug-makers Pfizer and Moderna to ensure it has enough vaccine for the long term. Even more vaccine could be available if federal scientists approve a single-dose shot from John-

son & Johnson, which is expected to seek emergency authorization in the coming weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the government plans to make about 10.1 million first and second doses available next week, up from this week’s allotment of 8.6 million. The figures represent doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. It was not immediately clear how long the surge of doses could be sustained.

Governors and top health officials have been increasingly raising the alarm about inadequate supplies and the need for earlier and more reliable estimates of how much vaccine is on the way so that they can plan.

Biden’s team held its first virus-related call with the nation’s governors on Tuesday and pledged to provide states with firm vaccine allocations three weeks ahead of delivery.

Biden’s announcement came a day after he grew more bullish about exceeding his vaccine pledge to deliver 100 million injections in his first 100 days in office, suggesting that a rate of 1.5 million doses per day could soon be achieved.

The administration has also promised more openness and said it will hold news briefings three times a week, beginning Wednesday, about the outbreak that has killed over 420,000 Americans.

“We appreciate the adminis-

tration stating that it will provide states with slightly higher allocations for the next few weeks, but we are going to need much more supply,” said Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican.

The setup inherited from the Trump administration has been marked by miscommunication and unexplained bottlenecks, with shortages reported in some places even as vaccine doses remain on the shelf.

Officials in West Virginia, which has had one of the best rates of administering vaccine, said they have fewer than 11,000 first doses on hand even after this week’s shipment.

“I’m screaming my head off” for more, Republican Gov. Jim Justice said.

California, which has faced criticism over a slow vaccine rollout, announced Tuesday that it is centralizing its hodgepodge of county systems and streamlining appointment sign-up, notification and eligibility. Residents have been baffled by the varying rules in different counties.

And in Colorado, Democratic Gov. Jared Polis said that the limited supply of vaccine from the federal government is prompting the state to repurpose second doses as first doses, though he expects that people scheduled for their second shot will still be able to keep their appointments.

The weekly allocation cycle for first doses begins on Monday nights, when federal offi-

cials review data on vaccine availability from manufacturers to determine how much each state can have. Allocations are based on each jurisdiction’s population of people 18 and older.

States are notified on Tuesdays of their allocations through a computer network called Tiberius and other channels, after which they can specify where they want doses shipped. Deliveries start the following Monday.

A similar but separate process for ordering second doses, which must be given three to four weeks after the first, begins each week on Sunday night.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the CDC reported that just over half of the 44 million doses distributed to states have been put in people’s arms. That is

well short of the hundreds of millions of doses that experts say will need to be administered to achieve herd immunity and conquer the outbreak.

The U.S. ranks fifth in the world in the number of doses administered relative to the country’s population, behind No. 1 Israel, United Arab Emirates, Britain and Bahrain, according to the University of Oxford.

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Wabash Rotary announces No Outing Golf Outing results

This year’s event was modified due to the pandemic

STAFF REPORT

For the 29th consecutive year, the Wabash Rotary Club contributed to the Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) annual fundraising campaign by hosting a benefit golf outing, according to WCUF executive director Steve Johnson.

This year’s event was modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wabash Rotary created the No Outing Golf Outing to raise \$3,500 for the United Fund 2020 Campaign.

“Everyone wanted to make sure we were not adding to opportunities to spread the virus, but we recognized that the needs of people in the community were on the rise,” said Rotary Club president Dr. Chris Kuhn.

Wabash Rotary presented the check during its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 11.

Johnson accepted the check on behalf of the WCUF.

“The United Fund is extremely grateful for these 29 years of Wabash Rotary Club

support. The annual golf outing traditionally signals the start of the new campaign season, so we were excited to learn that Rotary created a safe, golf-related fundraiser to continue the tradition,” said Johnson.

This year’s event was turned into a “no-outing” event, providing sponsors with several ways to support the project.

Companies participating at the “Hole-in-One” level included David Mann/Northwestern Mutual, Mike Beauchamp/Modoc’s, Metropolitan School Corporation of Wabash County and Ford Meter Box.

Poet Biorefining participated at the “Birdie” level.

Companies participating at the “Par” level included Dorais Chevrolet, Crossroads Bank, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, Rea Logan and Estep Burkey Simmons.

Participating sponsors each received golf balls donated by Crossroads Bank. Hole-in-One Sponsors received a round of golf for four and Birdie Sponsors received a round of golf for two. Honeywell Golf Course is graciously allowing each team to play their rounds of golf once winter weather breaks,

until August. The Wabash Rotary Club also added funds to the total donation amount.

Local agency programs receiving the benefit from these funds include The Access Youth Center, Manchester Early Learning Center, 85 Hope, Blessings in a Backpack (Wabash and North Manchester), Community Cupboard Food Pantry, Hands of Hope, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition, Advantage Housing, ARC of Wabash County, Wabash County Transit, Pathfinder Services Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Community Assistance Program/WAMA, Lighthouse Mission, Wabash County Cancer Society, Roann Community Building, Urbana Community Building and Somerset Community Building.

Pledges and funds raised during the 2020 Campaign will be distributed to the agencies throughout the 2021 calendar year.

For more information, call Kuhn at 260-563-8050, option 7, or email kuhnc@msdwc.k12.in.us or call Johnson at 260-563-6726 or email steve.johnson@wcuplannedfund.org.



Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) executive director Steve Johnson accepted the check on behalf of the WCUF.

Miller, Jackson help power Spartans to win at Anderson

Manchester (1-8) broke into the win column for the first time this season

By DILLON BENDER

Strong post play the evening of Friday, Jan. 22 helped power the Manchester University women’s basketball team to its first win of the season. Forwards Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, and Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, combined for 35 points in Manchester’s 63-55 win at Anderson.

Miller finished Friday’s game with a team-high 19 points and 10 rebounds – earning her first career double-double. Miller finished 8-16 from the floor and 3-4 from the foul line. Jackson finished 7-9 from the field on Friday night, while adding four rebounds a pair of blocked shots.

Manchester led 15-11 at

the end of the first quarter. The Black & Gold limited the Ravens to just 5-14 (35.7 percent) shooting in the opening frame. The Spartans outscored Anderson 16-12 in the second period to earn a 31-23 advantage at the intermission. The host Ravens clawed back into Friday’s contest following halftime. AU held Manchester to just 30.8 percent (4-13) shooting in the third period, trimming the Black & Gold’s lead to just two, 41-39.

In the final period of play, the Spartans manufactured a 12-3 run that chewed up more than five minutes of the game clock. A Hillery Shepherd, from Middletown and Shenandoah High School, offensive putback capped the critical run.

The Spartans shot 22-49



Tiara Jackson during a game earlier this month. Jackson scored 16 points against Anderson on Friday.

from the field on Friday, good for 44.9 percent. MU finished 18-30 at the free-throw line. Anderson was held to 41.1 percent (23-56) shooting.

Point guard Lexi Dellinger led AU with 25 points. Center Hannah Hawkins finished with 14 points and six blocks.

Manchester (1-8) broke into the win column for the first time this season. The Ravens fell to 0-3. A rematch between these two rivals took place Saturday, Jan. 23 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Anderson edges Black and Gold in final minutes

MU to host Bluffton at 7 p.m. Friday

By DILLON BENDER

A late basket with just over a minute in regulation helped propel the visiting Anderson University Ravens to a 50-48 victory over Manchester University in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday afternoon.

Anderson’s Makynlee Taylor broke a 48-all tie after converting a driving layup through traffic at the 1:11 mark of the fourth quarter. After leading for most of Saturday’s game, the Spartans were unable to recover.

Manchester was held to just six points in the fourth quarter.

As a team, Anderson shot 40.7 percent (22-54) from the floor. The Spartans did a good job defending the perimeter, limiting Anderson to just 2-11 (18.2 percent) shooting from downtown.

Manchester finished 18-47 (38.3 percent) from the

field and 4-11 (36.4 percent) from three-point territory. The Black and Gold controlled the glass, outrebounding Anderson 38-27.

Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, led Manchester in scoring with 12 points. Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, posted her fourth double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds.

Anderson (1-3) had no players score in double figures, however, all nine players that saw the floor scored at least two points. Lexi Dellinger, Allie Owens, and Makynlee Taylor all scored nine points on Saturday.

Manchester University (1-9) is scheduled to host Bluffton University in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29.

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Anderson pulls ahead late for win over MU

The contest marked the 165th all-time meeting between these two Indiana rivals

By DILLON BENDER

Visiting Anderson University pulled ahead late for a hard-fought 93-89 victory in men’s basketball action on the evening of Friday, Jan. 22 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

The contest remained close for the entire 40 minutes on Friday night. Neither side led by more than a possession for the first 13 minutes of action in the opening half.

The Ravens hit the Spartans with a quick 13-5 flurry to build a 39-30 lead at the 3:17 mark of the first half, however, the Black and Gold closed to within a basket, 42-40, following a Cortiz Buckner, from Lafayette and Lafayette Harrison High School, layup in transition with 9 seconds left in the half.

Anderson’s Jordan Gadis knocked down a buzzer-beating three-pointer as time expired to give the Ravens a slight 45-40 edge at the break.

Manchester started the second half with a 10-0 run of its own to grab a 50-45 lead. Freshman Jackson Jannsen, from Carmel, scored the first eight points during the surge – hitting a pair of threes and finishing a backdoor layup. Following a defensive stop, Cortiz Buckner found CJ Hampton in transition for an easy layup to complete the run. Both squads remained close for the remainder of the contest with neither side leading by more than six points.

Trailing by two with just over two minutes left in regulation, Anderson came up with a key stop defensively and then scored on its ensuing possession to even the score at the 87.

Cortiz Buckner converted one of two foul shot attempts on MU’s next possession to put the Spartans back up by one, 88-87, with 1:44 left on the clock.

Anderson’s Ronny Williams was able to draw a

foul on the Ravens’ next trip down the floor. Williams knocked down both free throws to put the Ravens back on top, 89-88.

On the next possession, a turnover by the Spartans led to a fast-break layup for AU’s Jordan Gadis.

With 35 seconds remaining, Manchester’s CJ Hampton made one of two attempts at the charity stripe to keep the Spartans within a basket at 91-89.

After a turnover by the Ravens, Manchester’s game-tying attempt in the paint fell just short. AU recovered the ensuing rebound and converted a pair of free throws to seal the game.

Four Spartans scored in double figures on Friday evening. Cortiz Buckner led MU with 19 points and 10 assists. Jackson Jannsen contributed 16 points. Both CJ Hampton and Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, scored 14 points. Freshman Hunter Perlich. From Fort Wayne and Churubusco High School, provided a spark off the Spartan bench.

Perlich scored 18 points on the strength of 5-7 shooting from downtown. He also drew a shooting foul and a three-point attempt and made all three free throws.

Ronny Williams’ 27 points, eight rebounds, and seven assists led the Ravens on Friday night.

For the game, AU shot 55.2 percent (32-58) from the floor, while shooting 47.4 percent (9-19) from beyond the three-point arc. Anderson finished 20-26 (76.9 percent) at the free-throw line.

The Spartans shot 27-57 (47.4 percent) from the floor. The Black & Gold finished 13-30 (43.3 percent) from three-point territory and went 22-30 (73.3 percent) from the charity stripe. Friday’s contest marked the 165th all-time meeting between these two Indiana rivals.

Manchester (2-2) returned to action Saturday, Jan. 23 with a road rematch at Anderson (2-1) at O.C. Lewis Gymnasium.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester men’s basketball falls at Anderson on Saturday

The Spartans face Bluffton next weekend

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men’s basketball fell on the road Saturday at Anderson University by a final score of 72-64.

Turnovers were a factor for the Black and Gold. The host Ravens turned 21 Spartan turnovers into 31 points in Saturday’s contest.

Manchester was only able to convert 16 Raven turnovers into seven points.

Anderson University also held a 38-29 advantage on the boards and outscored MU 30-20 in the paint.

Manchester shot 23-53 (43.4 percent) from the field and shot 10-24 (41.7 percent) from three-point territory. Anderson finished Saturday’s game shooting 46.6 percent (27-58) from

the field and 10-30 (33 percent) from beyond the three-point arc.

Senior Cortiz Buckner (Lafayette, Ind./Lafayette Jefferson) led Manchester with a game-high 23 points. Buckner added six assists. Fellow senior CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School, scored 15 points. Freshman Aidan Jahraus, from Altamont, Illinois, scored eight points off the bench.

Anderson was led by Michael Roger’s 15 points off the bench. Both Ronny Williams and Cade Gentry contributed 14 points apiece in the win.

The Spartans (2-3) will take on Bluffton next weekend. MU will travel to Ohio on Friday, January 29, before hosting the Beavers in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, January 30.

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